Mounting a 15 Inch - 380mm Lens to a Lens Board

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When the “Wollensak fifteen inch (FL) f-5.6 Tele-Optar” lens arrived at my home address, I immanently took it to the “design table” (ok it’s the dinner table), and proceeded to think about fitting it to a lens board for the Ansco 8"X10" camera. Seeing it in my “mind’s eye”, I knew what I had to do to achieve the making of this project; and it was simple.

Cutting the 6"X6" lens board was the easiest part as I have done this before - many times. I used 1/8" plywood for the lens board and the “framing” of the Graflex - Graphic steel lens plate, that came attached to the “new” lens. ALSO = With this 6"X6" lens board, I could make use of other lenses I have for the “Crown Graphic” 4"X5" camera on the Ansco 8"X10". (That reads confusing.) Okay – The lenses for both cameras would be interchangeable.

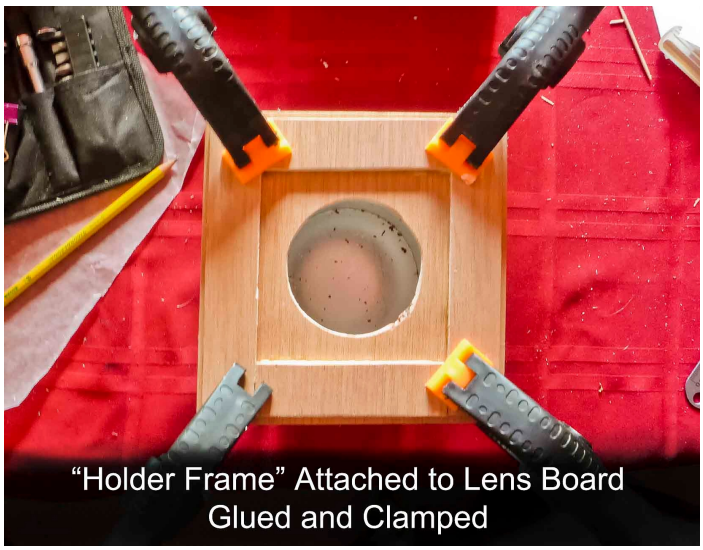
Anywhat!!! === You will understand best from the photos in this [PDF].

Just Delivered - Going to Fit This 380mm
To a Lens Board For My ANSCO 8”X10” Camera
(I think that it might be good for Portraits)

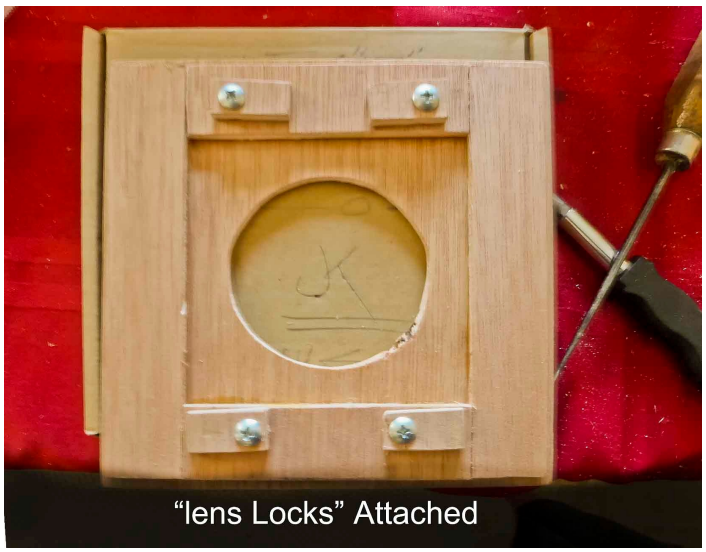
Yeah! - I know! It IS a LARGE Heavy lens. In the viewing of this particular lens on E-Bay, I thought that it would make a nice portrait-lens for the 8X10 Ansco. And seeing that the lens came with the Graflex-Graphic Lens Board, I had the “plains” in my mind even before I hit the “Buy Now” thing on the E-Bay website.

This Lens Shall Be Mounted on A 6X6”
Lens Board to Fit An ANSCO 8X10” Camera

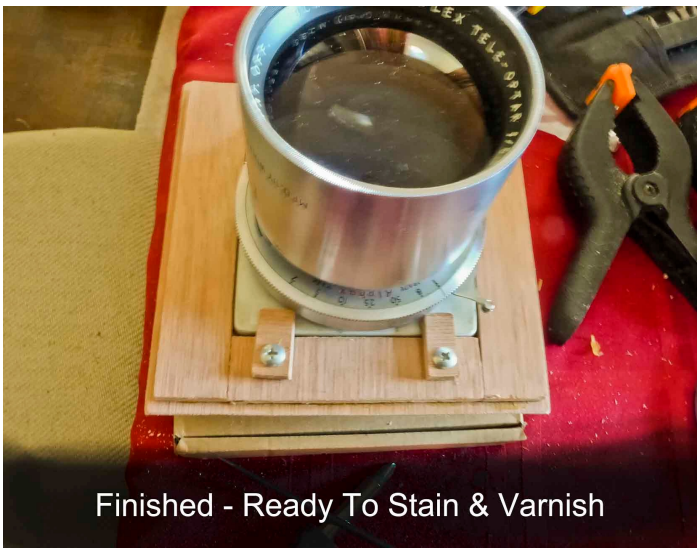
15” - 380mm / f-5.6 - Tele-Optar Lens
On a ALPHAX #4 Shutter.



“Holder Frame” Attached to Lens Board
Glued and Clamped



“lens Locks” Attached



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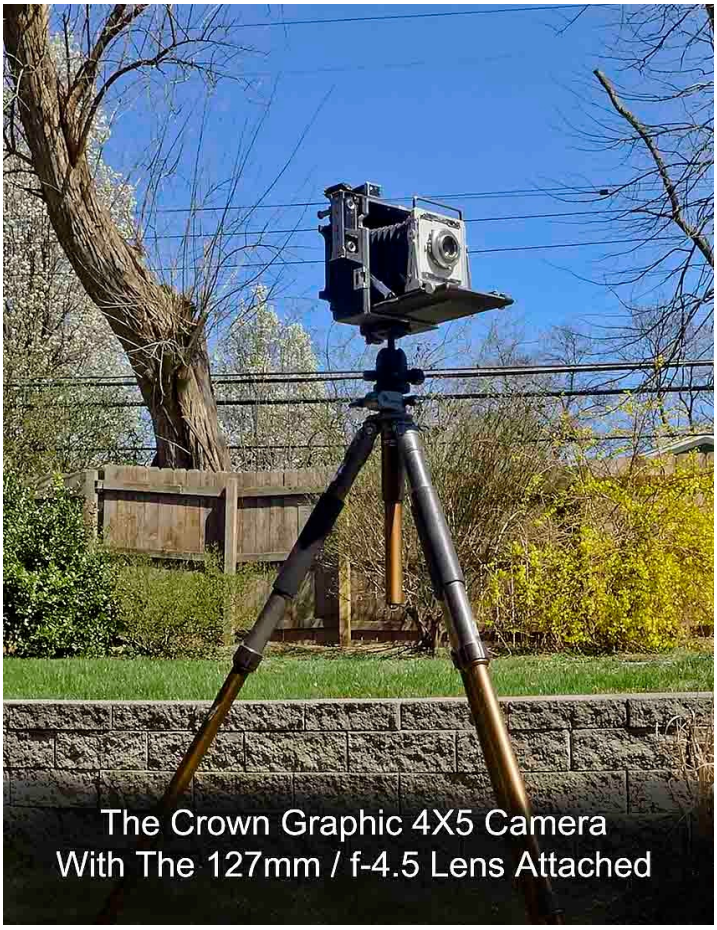
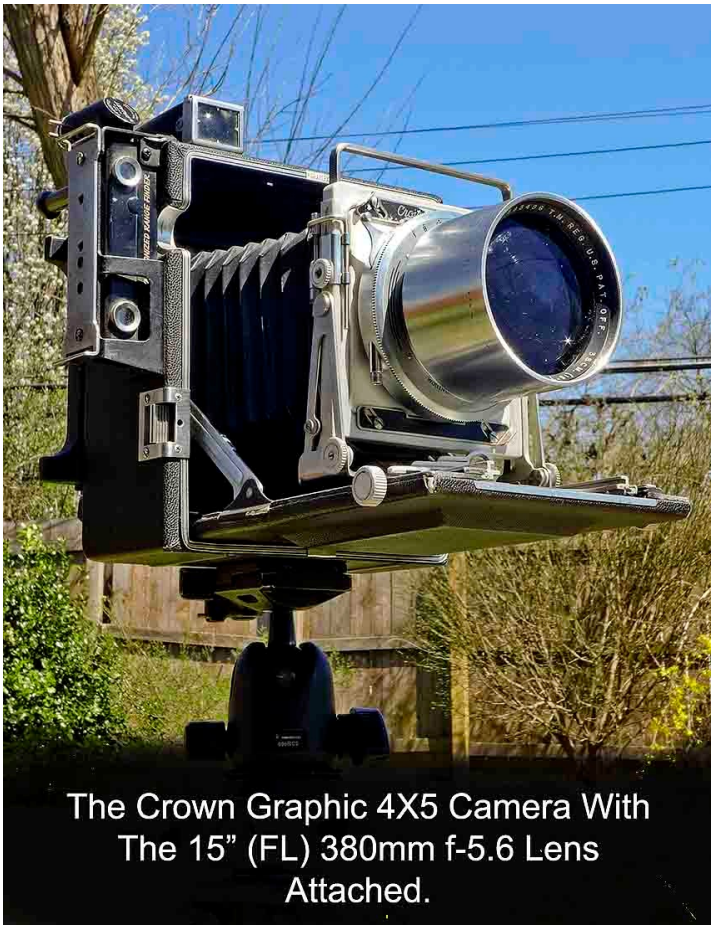


The Crown Graphic 4X5 Camera
With The 127mm / f-4.5 Lens Attached



The Crown Graphic 4X5 Camera With
The 15” (FL) 380mm f-5.6 Lens
Attached.

The Ansco 8X10 With a 230mm Lens / Packard Shutter.

Ansco 8X10 With The 15” - 380mm Lens Attached
“May The Light Be With Me”